



SELWYN HOUSE SCHOOL  
RUGBY TOUR 1997

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## TO OUR FRIENDS AT HOME

the Bellini family



## SELWYN HOUSE SCHOOL

Selwyn House School is an independent, non-denominational, day school for 550 boys from Kindergarten to Grade 11, located in Westmount, in the heart of Montreal, Quebec. It is chartered by the Province of Quebec as a non-profit institution and has been "Declared in the Public Interest". The School is owned by the Selwyn House Association, operated by a Board of Directors and administered by the Headmaster.

### HISTORY

The School was founded in 1908 by Mr. Algernon Lucas, a graduate of Selwyn College, Cambridge, to educate boys to 13 years of age. Its first location was in downtown Montreal, on MacKay Street, and in 1930 it moved to more spacious quarters on Redpath Street. Upon the death, in 1945, of its fourth Headmaster, Mr. Geoffrey H. Wanstall, the ownership of the School was transferred to the Selwyn House Association, a newly-created group of Old Boys and interested parents. In 1960 the building housing Westmount High School was acquired and the School moved into these, its present quarters. The relocation not only provided expanded, first-rate facilities but it also enabled the School to offer instruction beyond the junior high school level, through to matriculation and university entrance. The acquisition of a new building in 1985, increased The School's floor space by 50 percent.

# HEADMASTER'S GREETINGS

We are delighted, once again, that two of our rugger teams are visiting France, England and Wales. We are extremely grateful to our hosts who have already done so much through their careful and thoughtful preparations and special arrangements for ensuring that this experience will be worthwhile in every way, be it educational, sporting or social.

I would like to wish all participants in this tour the best of luck, and I would encourage all to take every opportunity for personal growth through the comradeship, sportsmanship and international understanding made possible by the various sporting, cultural and educational activities which have been planned.

Finally, I would like to thank the Selwyn House staff members who are taking the responsibility for supervision and the parents of the students who have been so encouraging and supportive of this effort.

*Wm. Mitchell*

## THE GURU'S COMMENTS

This is our fourth Rugby Tour overseas. In the eleven years since its inception, the tour has been one of the highlights of the Selwyn House athletics programme and this time we have six boys (Sontag, Brooks, McKinnon, Johnston, San Gregorio, Goldwarg) whose older brothers have also participated in previous years.

I want to acknowledge and thank the families and coaches who will welcome us into their homes. The unique opportunity for our boys to share experiences on and off the field with other young people is at the heart of what makes the Tour so special.

Thanks to all the parents who have organized and supported the Garage Sale which has enabled us and many other school groups to travel the world.

Once again I am fortunate to be surrounded by fellow travellers Rob Wearing, Mike Maurovich, Alf Paoletti and David Cude. We are fortunate that the Headmaster of the school, Will Mitchell and the Athletic Director Steve Mitchell show both confidence in our abilities and are supportive of our Tours.

Most importantly, we have always been extremely proud of the conduct of our boys on and off the field. We are assured that, once again, this year's players will follow in the footsteps of so many great ones before them. Happy Touring!

*Peter Govan*

## RUGBY AT SELWYN HOUSE

The birth of rugby at Selwyn House occurred the last year the school occupied the building on Redpath. In that year, Martin Lewis, a Welshman with a great tradition of rugby, joined the physical education staff and introduced the game to the boys from Selwyn House. They played rugby at Beaver Lake but only as an intramural activity and concentrating mainly on VIII's. At this time, no formal rugby team programme existed in the Montreal area schools. In fact, Selwyn House played the first high school rugby game in Montreal when the School defeated Strathcona High School in a 10 aside game. Nevertheless, the School's tradition of 7 aside continued to exist because of the fewer number of boys required, although the School's intramural programme did expand to include teams from Grades 7-11.

Obviously, the rugby clubs in the city were delighted to see the spectre of rugby expanded and all of them, but particularly Westmount, did all that could be done to encourage the addition of rugby to the high school athletic programmes. Martin Lewis was very specific about adding a new team sport rather than competing against an already established one and consequently a decision was reached to play rugby in the spring rather than compete against American football in the fall. To this date all of the schoolboy rugby in the Province continues to be played in the spring despite the restrictions of time fostered by the late arrival of that season in Montreal.

Although the School continued to play exhibition games in both XV's and VII's, it wasn't until 1971 that the School entered the G.M.I.A.A. 7's Tournament. That year the senior team lost in the final minute, of the final game, to finish second to Monklands High School. Martin Lewis continued to be the heart of the rugby programme passing on both enthusiasm and technique to the teams from Selwyn House.

In 1972 the School took a major step into competitive rugby when it decided to enter G.M.I.A.A. league competition. At the same time Peter Govan was hired on a part time basis to assist with the rugby programme. Two Bantam, one Junior and one Senior teams were entered into league play and although they did not meet with much success, the School's enthusiasm for rugby continued unabated. To some extent the culmination of years of practice peaked in 1974 when the Govan-coached Senior XV's won the School's first G.M.I.A.A. Championship (in any sport) as they defeated Lindsay Place School 4 - 2 in an exciting, see-saw battle, played at Verdun Stadium. Ironically the father of rugby, Martin Lewis, had left Selwyn House the year previous, to enter into the business world.

Rugby continued to thrive at the School and the addition of Mike Maurovich in 1983 and Alfie Paoletti in 1987 to the Physical

Education Department guaranteed that the strong traditions of rugby would continue.

However, Mr. Govan soon realized that Montreal's short spring season was not conducive to his goal of constantly improving the programme and so the idea for the overseas tour took root. This is the School's fourth tour and numbers 38 players and 5 coaches. Through the years some 160 players have visited 5 different countries enjoying the camaraderie, sportsmanship, and hospitality of our rugby hosts.

## **RUGBY TEAM - COMMENTS**

### **MIDGET RUGBY TEAM**

#### **Ball, Morgan**

At second row Morgan will be able to use his height to advantage while his giant strides will allow him to mix it up anywhere on the field.

#### **Bouhairie, Caleb**

Boo's three years of midget experience will always allow him to be around the ball. His talent as a wrestler will allow him to get a good hold on the opposition props.

#### **Brown, Gabriel**

A heady player, Gabriel will be first on the tackle whether playing at 2nd row or wing forward. His ability to catch makes him an asset in lineouts.

#### **Brûlé-Brosseau, Alexandre**

This hard running outside centre will try to stay injury free so that we can really utilize his excellent catching and tackling.

#### **Cameron, James**

James' speed and quickness make him an ideal scrum-half. The experience he will gain on the tour will be invaluable.

**Carsley, Sam**

Sam is equally adept at either the wing or full back where his defensive ability and kicking skills will particularly stand him in good stead.

**Deitcher, James**

Quiet but capable, James bring experience to the wing forward position. His tackling has improved after a football season at defensive halfback.

**Duchesne, Mike**

The tour will allow Mike to gain the experience he needs to compete effectively.

**Gomez, Roberto**

All of Roberto's talents in basketball will not go unnoticed on the rugby pitch where he will be invaluable in line-outs.

**Goldwarg, Jordan**

Fresh from a winter season of provincial cross country-skiing, we look on Jordan to exemplify our level of fitness, and we know he will always be pressuring the opposition.

**Govan, James**

Unfortunately, James' leg injury excludes him from playing but it will be interesting to discover his perspective on the tour as our official camera man.

**Johnston, Andrew**

AJ sounds like the monicker of a stock car driver and there will be mayhem on the field whether Andrew is playing in the backs or the forwards.

**McEntyre, Duncan**

Dunc's experiences as a wrestler allow him to hit a lot harder than his actual weight might indicate. He is equally at home as a hooker, wing, or fullback.



## 1997 SELWYN HOUSE RUGBY TEAM





## GRYPHON SENIOR RUGBY TEAM

- 3rd Row: Mr. R. Wearing, I. Marquis, J. Kisielew,  
J. Brooks, C. No
- 2nd Row: Mr. P. Govan, G. Gouin-Descarries,  
D. Fanabaria, T. No, N. Yanow, B. Massi,  
M. Lackenbauer
- 1st Row: C. Eich, T. Sontag, R. Bellini,  
I. Lauw-Bastien
- Absent: M. Durcak

## GRYPHON MIDGET RUGBY TEAM

- 4th Row: Mr. D. Cude, M. Ball, R. Gauthier-Gomez,  
G. Brown, J. Cameron, M. Duchesne,  
J. Govan, C. Storelli
- 3rd Row: Mr. M. Maurovich, C. Bouhairie, I. Ratzer,  
T. Schulz, J. Goldwarg
- 2nd Row: Mr. A. Paoletti, J. McManus, S. Carsley,  
J. Wilner, S. McKinnon, A. Johnston,  
J. Deitcher
- 1st Row: A. San Gregorio, S. Ross, A. Brûlé-Brosseau,  
M. Osten, B. Spencer, D. McEntyre

### **McKinnon, Sean**

Sean has always used his head well whether on the rugby pitch or on the football field. His experiences at quarterback will help in his decision-making at inside centre.

### **McManus, Justin**

The wing provides Justin a chance to use his athletic ability to the utmost. His days at centre will be left on the hockey rink.

### **Osten, Matthew**

Matthew can be counted on to provide excellent coverage and resounding tackles at wing forward.

### **Ratzer, Ian**

Ian's inquisitive nature and high fitness level make him a constant threat to spoil the opposition's attack plans.

### **Ross, Seth**

One of the team's lightest players in pounds, but one of its heaviest hitters. Seth will probably line up at wing forward.

### **San Gregorio, Alexandre**

After the past year's football season, Alex should make the conversion to rugby very easily. His feet will be a definite advantage to him on the wing.

### **Schulz, Tristan**

With his natural all-around ability, we look to Tristan to make the jump from bantam to midget with ease.

### **Spencer, Ben**

Ben is a player who combines the strength of a wrestler and the tackling of a linebacker, thus making him a versatile addition to the forwards.

### **Storelli, Claudio**

The beast controls the number 8 position as if it was his own domain. Look out for his forays into the off-side wing.

**Wilner, Joshua**

A fine two-way player, Josh will give the scrum some stability befitting his status as our heaviest midget player.

## SENIOR RUGBY TEAM

**Bellini, Roberto**

Perhaps two of the most educated feet that ever attended SHS are those belonging to Roberto. His kicking will always keep the opposition off balance.

**Brooks, James**

A pre-pubescent youth on our last overseas tour, we look to James to provide leadership by example on this trip in the dressing room and on the field.

**Durcak, Michael**

When Michael plays scrum half, the backs soon realize that they had better be prepared to receive the ball any time, any place. Somehow he always gets the ball to them.

**Fich, Chris**

Chris' experiences in football will allow him to put some "real hits" on people. His open field tackling is superb.

**Fanaberia, Daniel**

Dan has grown tremendously in the past year and will provide the scrum with some much needed stability.

**Gouin-Descarries, Guillaume**

Guillaume's exuberance will carry him a long way on the rugby field; his jumping will make our lineouts more competitive.

### Kisielew, James

James' toughness will be severely tested as he scrambles to learn about rugby and struggles to survive in the scrum.

### Lackenbauer, Morgan

A better tackler with one arm than most others are with two, we hope that Morgan's physical ailments are of no consequence on the tour.

### Lauw-Bastien, Igor

Perhaps the hardest hitter on the team, Igor's tackling will definitely keep the opposition honest.

### Marquis, Ian

Ian is probably the purest athlete on the team and can be counted upon to be a threat regardless of the back position that he will play.

### Massi, Bradley

We hope that this year Bradley will finally discover that "*pitch* and *run*" is the description of a rugby play and not a golf shot.

### No, Colin

The opposition will think they're seeing double when the two No's line up at prop. Time will tell whether their abilities will allow us to distinguish between them.

### No, Toby

Ditto for our tour captain.

### Sontag, Thomas

Thomas has earned raves for his ability as a wrestler, and this will stand him in good stead as he swings to hook the ball.

### Yanow, Nick

Nick's slight frame belies his ability as a versatile tackler and runner; he seems equally at home in 3 or 4 different positions.

# MIDGET TEAM ROSTER

Last Name	First Name	Wt/lb	Ht	Age
Ball	Morgan	155	6'2"	15
Bouhairie	Caleb	160	5'9"	15
Brown	Gabriel	160	5'11"	16
Brûlé-Brosseau	Alexandre	165	5'11"	15
Cameron	James	120	5'8"	15
Carsley	Sam	145	5'9"	16
Deitcher	James	150	5'10"	16
Duchesne	Michael	195	6'1"	15
Goldwarg	Jordon	140	5'7"	16
Gauthier-Gomez	Roberto	132	6'1"	14
Govan	James	135	6'1"	15
Johnston	Andrew	150	5'7"	15
McEntyre	Duncan	125	5'6"	15
McKinnon	Sean	150	5'9"	16
McManus	Justin	155	5'8"	15
Osten	Matthew	140	5'4"	15
Ratzer	Ian	180	6'1"	15
Ross	Seth	125	5'5"	15
San Gregorio	Alexandre	125	5'6"	15
Spencer	Ben	151	5'6"	14
Schulz	Tristan	155	5'10"	15
Storelli	Claudio	175	6'1"	15
Wilner	Joshua	205	5'8"	14

Coaching Staff: Mr. Mike Maurovich  
Mr. Alf Paoletti  
Mr. David Cude

## SENIOR TEAM ROSTER

Last Name	First Name	Wt/lb	Ht	Age
Bellini	Roberto	135	5'8"	17
Brooks	James	160	6'1"	16
Durcak	Michael	140	5'7"	17
Eich	Christopher	135	5'11"	17
Fanaberia	Daniel	168	5'9"	16
Gouin-Descarries	Guillaume	180	6'1"	16
Kisielew	James	180	6'1"	17
Lackenbauer	Morgan	165	5'10"	17
Lauw-Bastien	Igor	160	5'9"	17
Marquis	Ian	150	5'10"	16
Massi	Bradley	195	5'10"	17
No	Colin	200	5'11"	17
No	Toby	215	5'11"	17
Sontag	Thomas	125	5'5"	16
Yanow	Nicholas	125	5'9"	17

Coaching Staff: Mr. Peter Govan  
Mr. Rob Wearing

# 1997 RUGBY ITINERARY



## March 13

- Leave on BA 094 at 22:45

## March 14

- Arrive London at 20:45
- Bus to Bishopston Comprehensive School (011. 441. 792. 234121)
- Practice
- Contact person: Arwyn Harris (011. 441. 792. 234204)
- Boys are billeted with families

## March 15

- Wales vs England International in Cardiff

## March 16

- Senior and Midget games at 10:30 vs Bishopston

## March 17

- Training session with Welsh coaches
- Bus to Aberaeron Comprehensive School (011. 441. 545. 570217)
- Contact person: Chris Jones (011. 01. 239. 710374)
- Boys billeted with families

## March 18

- Sightseeing

## March 19

- Senior and Midget games vs Aberaeron

## March 20

- Leave for London
- Sightseeing Rhondda Heritage Park
- Stay at Hotel Tavistock (011. 44. 171. 636. 8383)

# ITINERARY

March 21

- Sightseeing in London

March 22

- Sightseeing in London
- London play in evening

March 23

- Free morning
- Senior and Midget games vs Langley Park School (011. 441. 181. 650. 9253)

March 24

- Departure from London(Heathrow) BA 308 at 11:15
- Arrive Paris (Charles de Gaulle) at 13:20
- Stay at Hotel le Jardin de Candide (011. 331. 479. 14652)
- Visit the Louvre, Eiffel Tower

March 25

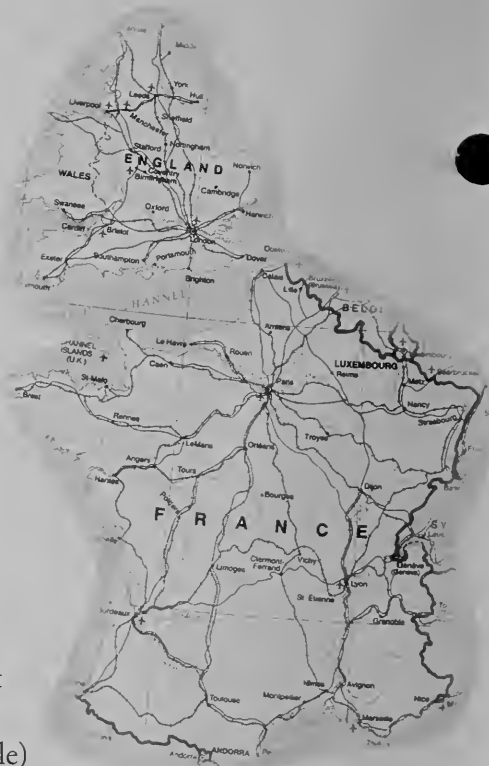
- Bus to Versailles
- Senior and Midget games with the British School of Paris (011. 331. 391. 804590)

March 26

- Free day

March 27

- Depart Paris (Orly) BA 333 at 0955
- Arrive London(Heathrow) at 10:15
- Depart BA 095 at 11:30
- Arrive Mirabel at 13:55



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